

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 43, 45, 49, 51, 73, 74, 77, 78, 81, 82, and 84-86 remain pending in this application, of which claims 43, 49, 73, 77, 84, and 85 are independent. Claims 43, 45, 49, 51, 73, 74, 77, 78, 84, and 85 have been amended. Support for these changes can be found in the original application, as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claims 43, 49, 73, 77, 81, 82, and 84-86 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0103237 (Han). Claims 45 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,589 (Al-Kazily et al.). Claims 74 and 78 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,061,632 (Livingston).

Amended Claim 43 recites an information processing apparatus capable of communicating with a printing apparatus for executing a printing operation, the information processing apparatus comprising a setting unit which sets, via a GUI in the information processing apparatus, one of a first mode with a print-out page layout for single print data, and a second mode with at least two different print-out page layouts for single print data; a producing unit which produces a print job to be printed by the printing apparatus in accordance with the mode set by said setting unit, the print job including a command part describing a group of job commands and a print data part describing print data by a print language; and a sending unit which sends the print job produced by said producing unit to the printing apparatus.

In the second mode, the group of job commands includes a print control command for enabling the printing apparatus to execute a printing operation of the at least two different print-out page layouts from the single print data described in the print data part, and in the printing apparatus, the printing operation for the print-out page layout is executed to produce a print-out result with the print-out page layout from the single print data for a print job produced in accordance with the first mode, and the printing operation for the at least two different print-out page layouts is executed to produce at least two different print-out results, together, each with a different print-out page layout, from the single print data for a print job produced in accordance with the second mode.

A benefit of this combination of features is that it allows the information processing apparatus to produce a print-out result with a print-out page layout from a single print job when the first mode is set and to produce at least two print-out results with different print-out page layouts together from a group of print job commands from a single print job when the second mode is set.

Han discloses a printing apparatus that can print a single document onto two different types of print media (i.e., paper or a transparency sheet) with the user being able to set the number of copies needed for each print medium. (See Han, paragraph 35). Regardless of the print medium, the page layout of the printed documents remains the same. Therefore, Han fails to disclose or suggest a many of the features recited in independent Claim 43. The other cited references fail to remedy the deficiencies of Han.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the present invention recited in independent Claim 43 is patentable over the art of record, whether that art is considered

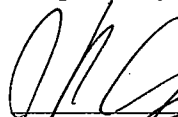
individually or taken in combination. The other independent claims recite features similar to those of Claim 43 discussed above and are believed patentable for similar reasons.

The dependent claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

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